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A WAR CRIMINAL CONVICTED.

The sentence of two years imprisonment imposed on a German major, charged by the French government with ordering troops under his command to take no prisoners and to kill the wounded adversaries who fell into their hands, and found guilty by the German supreme court sitting at Leipzig, is wretchedly inadequate. And it is plain that the only reason for his being punished at all was the Germans feared that to let him go would free as the lieutenant general from whom he alleged he received his orders was permitted to do, would dangerously arouse French anger.

There may be those who will say that it would have better not to have held a trial than to allow it to become a farce. And yet, though the punishment falls so far short of what the crime calls for, a good purpose has been served. The major would not have been convicted, we may be sure, if the evidence against him had not been overwhelming. And if there have been any Germans who doubted the truth of the atrocity charges made against their troops by the allies, they must now be convinced. And out of this may grow repentance for their country's misdeeds and a desire to make such amends as are possible.

PIRATE THEORY STRENGTHENED.

Strength is added to the theory that pirates may have been responsible for the mystery surrounding the fate of ships and crews that have disappeared off the Atlantic coast in the last few months by the report of a skipper that his vessel had been approached by another craft, which later speeded away without answering signals. At least the government places sufficient credence in the story to cause it to send out wireless warnings to ships at sea to be on the watch for a craft that might approach in the darkness with lights veiled. That is the manner in which it came upon a Munson liner 300 miles east of Philadelphia, according to the report of Captain Giles, who apprised the owners of the affair after he had brought his vessel to port.

Fully a score of ships have vanished in the vicinity of where Captain Giles encountered the vessel of mystery since the first of the year. The unusual circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the ships resulted in varied possible explanations, among them being one that a sea raider, either a pirate or a "soviet cruiser," was responsible. These views later gave way to the opinion that the missing ships had been lost in storms. Still the situation remained puzzling because it seemed improbable that so large a number of vessels could be wrecked and leave no trace whatever of their fate. Now the other theory has some solid ground seemingly, and, with that as a basis, it is likely that the possibility of the operations of an outlaw craft will be followed up until it is proved no such vessel exists or until it is captured or destroyed.

OFF FOR BAFFIN LAND.

When Commander Peary discovered the north pole many persons remarked that the days of Arctic exploration were over and that scientific adventurers would have to find some fresh outlet for their activities. But it was soon apparent that there was much left in that region to be accomplished in the way of charting the vast unvisited wastes, in studying animal and vegetable life and in geological research.

Dr. MacMillan, of Crocker Land expedition fame, will shortly sail from a Maine port in the schooner Bowdoin for Baffin Land to explore the interior of that little-known island which is now reckoned the third largest in the world. He will be accompanied by two experts in the subject of terrestrial magnetism who will make important observations in the vicinity of the magnetic pole from which both electrical science and navigation, it is expected, will widely benefit. Weather observers also anticipate some interesting information from the continuous wireless service which the members of the expedition hope to maintain.

Dr. MacMillan and his companions are examples of the scientific man who, without thought of financial reward, boldly encounters dangers and hardships for the sake of adding something to the world's store of

knowledge. There is no thought of making discoveries of direct commercial value. No one expects to find gold or other mineral treasures in Baffin Land. But for scientific men there are riches of another kind in awaiting discovery and development. And so the nation bids these brave men Godspeed, a successful voyage and a safe return.

And as we think of these explorers sailing in the teeth of the chilling north wind, the spray dashing in their faces, icicles forming on the whiskers of the sturdy old sea dog at the wheel, the mercury falling rapidly, the crew shivering with the cold as wrapped in furry garments they endeavor to climb the mizen mast, splice the main brace or wind the starboard watch, some of us can't help wishing we were going to be with them, sharing their frosts and chills. For even Baffin Land must have its advantages in July.

A BRITISH EXPERIMENT.

While the details remain to be scrutinized and some points are yet to be settled, it is quite clear that a long-drawn-out British coal strike ends with the adoption for the first time of profit-sharing in a British industry on a national scale.

The fight has lasted 16 weeks and has been notable for the absence of violence and for a really stupendous effort on the part of the laboring class to feed the women and children whose husbands were on strike. Yet the issue was such a large one that all labor and capital felt the necessity of a clean-cut settlement.

The subvention the miners now demand from the government, and which is the sole remaining condition on which they resume work, brings profit-sharing directly into the coal industry, and practically makes it impossible for the government henceforth to remove its

AQUARIUM WILL BE BUILT WITH BANKERS' GIFT

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 12.—A miniature swamp, containing fish, turtles, frogs, salamanders, snakes, moss, logs, rocks and everything else necessary for an exact reproduction of nature, will be a unique feature of a new \$275,000 Steinhart aquarium to be built next fall in Golden Gate park here, according to Dr. Barton W. Everman of the California Academy of Sciences.

The idea was suggested by a pool with tropical vegetation of the Pan-American building in Washington, D. C., he said. The swamp in the aquarium will be in the center court around which the exhibit rooms will be grouped. Wire netting will prevent any venturesome snake from looting the thrones of visitors, Dr. Everman said, but the problem of keeping the snakes from eating up all the frogs has not yet been solved.

The aquarium is the gift of two San Francisco bankers, Sigmund and Isahat Steinhart, who left wills providing \$275,000 for its establishment. The city would maintain it.

Mollie Cash and revive the world, says a New York banker. A great many are doing the best they can.

hands. Whether this will work the benefits hoped for remains the big question, the answer to which will be looked for throughout the world.

The flippant mind will turn toward cheese when reading the announcement that Switzerland has a boxer weighing 243 pounds who wants to challenge Dempsey.

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